

Remarks

Claims 34-57 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 34, 45, and 56 (the three pending independent claims) are amended.

On May 1, 2009, Applicant's undersigned representative sent the amendments to Supervisory Patent Examiner Dickson as proposed amendments for his consideration. Examiner Dickson responded that "[t]he proposed changes are acceptable and the amendment will place the application in condition for allowance." Accordingly, Applicant requests that the amendments be entered; that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn; and that the application once again be allowed.

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